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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 539
By DeBerry J

A RESOLUTION To commend Urania Latto Alissandratos for her honorable and astute service to the people of Memphis and Tennessee.

WHEREAS, It is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those estimable public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, Urania Latto Alissandratos is one such person who evinces the greatest integrity and probity in all her chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected member of the Memphis community, Mrs. Alissandratos holds a degree in Accounting; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alissandratos has served with distinction as the Owner and Office Manager of the Canada Dry Bottling Company of Memphis and as the Manager of the Canada Dry Bottling Company of Charleston, South Carolina; in these important positions, and as a consultant, she has demonstrated her financial acumen and her singular expertise in the world of business; and

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WHEREAS, Mrs. Alissandratos has distinguished herself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to her community; and

WHEREAS, A firm believer in equal opportunity for all citizens, Mrs. Alissandratos has served on the U.S. District Advisory Council of the Small Business Administration and the Panel of American Women; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alissandratos was also instrumental in the development of a course at Shelby State Community College to assist women and minorities in starting their own businesses; through her inspired leadership, this course was implemented at Shelby State and has been taught nationally; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alissandratos has helped to build a sound present and a bright future for Memphis through her meritorious service as Business Manager of Theatre Memphis for six years and as the first Treasurer of the Pink Palace Crafts Fair, in which position she served for three years; she was also of invaluable assistance in organizing the financial records and affairs of the Pink Palace Gift Shop; and

WHEREAS, She was a valuable member of the Community Relations Committee of Memphis under the Reverend James Netters; and

WHEREAS, In the realm of politics, Mrs. Alissandratos has adroitly served as a Charter Member and President of Republican Career Women; the State Coordinator for women's groups for the Jane Hardaway Campaign for Public Service Commission; the Special Events Chair for the Howard Baker and Dan Kuykendall campaigns; and as the Chair of a luncheon at the National Republican Governors' Conference under Governor Winfield Dunn; and

WHEREAS, This remarkable lady has also served proficiently as Co-Chair of her husband's (A. D. Alissandratos) campaigns for Memphis City Council and her son's (D. J. Alissandratos) campaigns for Chancellor of the 30th Judicial District; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alissandratos and her family express their robust Christian faith through their membership at Annunciation Greek Orthodox Church, where she has served faithfully as Sunday School Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Her remarkable success as a public servant and civic leader is directly attributable to her reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and her uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Alissandratos is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and she epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Her many accomplishments aside, Mrs. Alissandratos is fortunate to share both love and companionship with her husband, A. D. Alissandratos, their four children, Dr. Julia Alissandratos, Chancellor D. S. Alissandratos, Dr. George Alissandratos and Theresa A. Schrepf, and their four grandsons; and

WHEREAS, Urania Latto Alissandratos is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Urania Latto Alissandratos for her honorable and astute service to the good people of Memphis and to the State of Tennessee and salute her unswerving commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.